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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONCERNS ABOUT IAEA SAFEGUARD DEPARTMENT
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SUMMARY: I.D. MOROKHOV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY, IN CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS AND EMBOFF MARCH 29 STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING ROLE OF DEPOSITORY STATES IN IAEA AND ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS. HE ALSO SAID HE PERCEIVED CHANGE IN U.S. POSITION REGARDING "UNDERSTANDING" ON STAFFING OF A POSITION IN IAEA SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT. MOROKHOV THOUGHT U.S. MAY NOT SUPPORT SOVIETS WHO ARE PUSHING CZECH NATIONAL TO HEAD ONE OF TWO OPERATIONAL DIVISIONS IN DEPARTMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON SEVERAL QUESTIONS (REPORTED SEPTELS), MOROKHOV MADE GENERAL STATEMENT ON NEED TO STRENGTHEN IAEA AND ROLE OF DEPOSITORY STATES IN IAEA AND ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN PARTICULAR. HE STATED THAT THIS MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED WITH U.S. GOVERNOR IN RIO MEETING LAST FALL AND THAT U.S. AND USSR AGREED THAT AS DEPOSITORY STATES "WE MUST NOT BE RELUCTANT" TO HAVE MORE SEATS ON BOARD. HE
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ADDED THAT IAEA SECRETARY GENERAL TREATS THIS QUESTION WITH GREAT UNDERSTANDING. SOVIETS ARE, HE SAID, VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF STRENGTHENING IAEA IN NON-PROLIFERATION AREAS; IT IS IN SOVIET EYES MAIN PURPOSE OF IAEA.

2. MOROKHOV THEN SAID HE WISHED TO POSE TWO QUESTIONS TO WHICH HE HOPED AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON WOULD RESPOND

PROMPTLY. THE FIRST WAS IN ESSENCE: WHY WAS U.S. BACKING OUT OF AGREEMENT REGARDING REPLACEMENT OF ONE OF TWO OPERATIONS DIVISION CHIEFS IN IAEA DEPARTMENT OF SAFE-GUARDS? IN INTRODUCTORY EXPLANATION OF HIS QUESTION MOROKHOV MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--USSR AND U.S. ARE NOT PUBLICALLY CRITICAL OF IAEA STAFF BECAUSE THIS WOULD NOT HELP NON-PROLIFERATION, BUT USSR--AND EVEN U.S. RECENTLY -- HAS BEEN PRIVATELY CRITICAL OF SITUATION WITHIN AGENCY.

--"SEVEN WISE MEN" THINK, IN PARTICULAR, THAT SAFE-GUARDS DEPARTMENT NEEDS STRENGTHENING AND TO EMPHASIZE ITS IMPORTANCE THEY HAVE MADE ITS CHIEF ONE OF DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF IAEA.

--THIS DEPARTMENT ALSO NEEDS BETTER PERSONNEL AND EXPIRATION THIS YEAR OF CONTRACTS OF DEPARTMENT CHIEF ROMISCH (SWISS), AND FIRST OPERATIONS DIVISION NAKICHOVIC (PHON.)(YUGOSLOV) OFFER OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN PERSONNEL. (COMMENT. WE UNDERSTAND FROM A.I. BELOV, MFA COUNSELOR WHO SAT IN ON CONVERATION THAT ROMISCH MAY STAY ON ONE YEAR BEYOND HIS PRESENT CONTRACT.)

3. MOROKHOV SAID HE HAD RAISED QUESTION OF REPLACEMENT FOR NAKICHOVIC IN VIENNA AND RIO WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AND HAD REACHED UNDERSTANDING THAT SINCE NOW THERE ARE TWO OPERATIONS DIVISIONS WITHIN SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT, ONE DIVISION CHIEF WOULD BE FROM "SOCIALIST STATE" AND ONE FROM WESTERN GROUP. SOVIETS ARE SUPPORTING CZECH NATIONAL BARABOS (PHON.) TO HEAD FIRST OPERATIONS DIVISION AGAINST NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH CANDIDATES. SINCE RECENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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FORMED SECOND OPERATIONS DIVISION CHIEF IS JAPANESE (WHOM SOVIETS SUPPORTED), MOROKHOV WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR RECENTLY THAT U.S. MAY NOT BE SUPPORTING CANDIDACY OF CZECH.

4. SECOND OF MOROKHOV'S "QUESTIONS" WAS IN FACT A STATEMENT. ADDITIONAL MEASURE OF "SEVEN WISE MEN" DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT, ACCORDING TO MOROKHOV, WAS RECOMMENDATION OF NEW UNIT WITH BROAD POWERS TO OVERSEE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS. UNIT WOULD REPORT TO SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT CHIEF, BUT COULD IF IT WISHED REPORT DIRECTLY TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IAEA. SOVIETS ARE CONVINCED THIS UNIT MUST BE HEADED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF DEPOSITORY STATE. THEREFORE SOVIETS ARE "LOOKING FORWARD" TO U.S. PROPOSING CANDIDATE TO HEAD UNIT AND WILL SUPPORT THAT CANDIDATE. MOROKHOV SAID HE WAS RAISING "QUESTION" SO THAT U.S. SIDE WOULD BE FULLY INFORMED OF SOVIET POSITION ON MATTER.

5. COMMENT: MOROKHOV'S "QUESTION", IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

AS IT DID HIS FIRST POINT, SEEMED DESIGNED TO SHOW SOVIETS
WERE SUPPORTING U.S. ON SPECIAL UNIT CHIEF'S
POSITION, AND THEREFORE THAT U.S. SHOULD STICK TO "UNDER-
STANDING" ON CHIEF OF FIRST OPERATIONS DIVISION.
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